

**MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
9:00 A.M., Friday, April 7, 2006  
Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)  
Auditorium  
206 South 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

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**OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE**

Vice Chairman Joe Lane led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

BIDS OPENED:	February 10
HIGHWAY:	CORDES JUNCTION – FLAGSTAFF HIGHWAY (I-17)
SECTION:	Cienega Creek Bridges, North Bound & South Bound
COUNTY:	Yavapai
ROUTE NO.:	I-17
PROJECT:	I-017-B-513 017 YV 277 H644601C
FUNDING:	100% State
LOW BIDDER:	Show Low Construction, Inc.
AMOUNT:	\$ 320,430.50
STATE AMOUNT:	\$ 312,623.40
\$ OVER:	\$ 7,807.10
% OVER:	2.5%
NO. BIDDERS:	6
RECOMMENDATION:	AWARD

BIDS OPENED:	February 17
HIGHWAY:	ORTEGA LAKE – ST. JOHNS HIGHWAY (SR 61)
SECTION:	Junction US 60 – East Section
COUNTY:	Apache
ROUTE NO.:	SR 61
PROJECT:	STP-061-A(002)A 061 AP 352 H636101C
FUNDING:	94% Federal 6% State
LOW BIDDER:	Combs Construction Company, Inc.
AMOUNT:	\$ 1,562,241.32
STATE AMOUNT:	\$ 1,685,437.00
\$ UNDER:	\$ 123,195.68

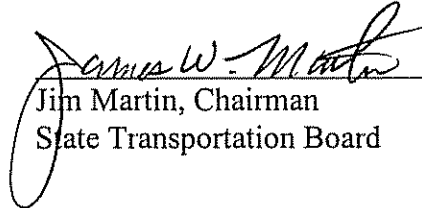
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NO. BIDDERS: 4  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

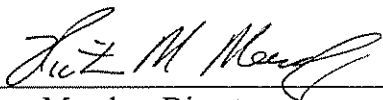
**Board Action:** A motion to approve Items 1 and 2 was recommended by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Mr. Householder and passed unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

**Board Action:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Mr. Householder and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

  
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Jim Martin, Chairman  
State Transportation Board

  
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Victor Mendez, Director  
Arizona Department of Transportation

**MINUTES OF THE  
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PUBLIC HEARING  
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Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)  
In the Auditorium  
206 South 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

The State Transportation Board met in official session for a public hearing at 9:20 a.m., Friday, April 7, 2006, following a special Board meeting with Vice Chairman Lane presiding. Other Board members present included: Bill Feldmeier, Rusty Gant, Dick Hileman, Delbert Householder, and Bob Montoya. Si Schorr and Felipe Zubia arrived late. Jim Martin was absent. Also present were Director Victor Mendez; Sam Elters, State Engineer; Mike Klein, Program Manager for Airport Development, Division of Aeronautics; Arnold Burnham, Priority Programming Manager, Air Quality Section; Bill Hayden, Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Freeway System Life Cycle Office; and Dale Buskirk, Director, Planning Division. There were approximately 75 people in the audience.

**OPENING REMARKS**

Vice Chairman ~~Jim~~ Lane stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to present the Department of Transportation tentative five-year transportation construction program.

**PRESENTATION OF 2007-2011 ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION (ADOT) TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR TRANSPORTATION  
FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

**FY 2007-2011 Tentative Statewide Transportation Facilities Construction Program**

Arnold Burnham stated that in putting the tentative program together, some assumptions had to be made. The first was that the Governor's budget recommendations appropriate \$118 million from the state general fund and the state highway fund. Next, is approval of House Bill 2206, removing the statutory cap for the HURF bonds. Because of the increased cost of materials and other things affecting construction projects, there is an increase in subprograms. Subprograms create projects such as pavement preservation, a bridge and safety items. Those are increased by ten percent. By bonding, many projects have to move beyond the fifth year of this program or fiscal year 2011. Some new subprograms are added, including federal tax evasion with a \$275,000 budget for five years. That is the SAFETEA-LU directive being pursued. Next, is a subprogram to storm water protection, currently under a consent order by ADQ to follow up and Communications and Community Partnerships to hire consultants. Mohawk Rest Area is being moved to 2007 as well as I-10 Picacho Peak to Marana TI and I-10 SR 90 to Ocotillo Road. McGuireville TI, in for \$900,000 for right-of-way, is moving to 2008 for safety features that are needed on the ramps. I-40 Sanders Port of entry right-of-way is moving into that year where construction will be taking place. US 60 Florence Junction/Queen Creek also known as part of the Gonzales Pass Section, is being increased and moving to 2008. US 160 Van's Trading Post to the east of SR 264 is moving to 2007. US 191 milepost 151, the freeway, is moving a year to fiscal year 2007. Burnside Junction North is being moved to 2007. In 2007, two projects were deferred. I-40 Needle Mountain Rest Area is moved out to 2008. I-40 Sanders Port of Entry will be moved to 2008 and the right-of-way will also be in that year. Also two projects deferred to

2008. I-40 Walnut Canyon Section, to be reconstructed, is moving to 2011. and on US 39, Tompkins's Canyon section is moving to 2010. Two projects in 2009 were deferred. I-10, the Picacho Peak Red Rock is moving to 2008. SR 260 Doubtful Canyon is moving to 2010. The I-10 Picacho Peak overpass is moving to 2008. Farm Road TI, the underpass is moving one year to 2011. US 60 Silver Kings section is moving out one year. US 70 also in Globe, the railroad overpass and SR 77, is moving out to 2011. SR 89A Airport Road is moving out to 2011. SR 90 South Sierra Vista, Moson Road from Central Avenue to Moson Road is moving out to 2011. Also 93 up towards I-40 Ranch Road section is moving out one year. And the section going from US 95 Avenue 9E to Aberdeen Road, the money in that project is moving out a year. 191 portion between Safford and I-10, that project, Dian Ranch to the Ten Ranch is moving out one year and up further north on 191 Chinle South, construction project, one year. 260 Heber to Show Low, the passing lanes there are moving out one year. On US 93, the bridge is going to be constructed in 2008 and 17 miles of two-lane to widen and coordinate with that opening. The bridge design will start this year and take about \$8.5 million for the design. Combining this project into two large construction projects, one in 2008, one in 2009 and each for \$40 million, funding has been increased by \$65.8 million to make this happen. SR 195 or the ASH in Yuma was combined with a number of projects so that it could coordinate with the opening. There's a port of entry, San Luis II that will be opened at that time. We're repackaging existing projects and deferring \$6.2 million to 2007 and advancing \$20 million to 2008 and funding is also being increased by \$17.2 million. Design concept reports include Pinal County/Williams Gateway extension for \$5 million. And the Pinal County North/South freeway with \$5 million to study the design concept report. And I-10 from Loop 202 to I-8 adding \$500,000 to that study to complete it, I-17 Black Canyon City to Cordes Junction, adding money to complete that project, I-17 again, SR 179, additional money to complete that study. There's a new one on 260 from Heber to show Low to look at what it will take to widen that section to four lanes. SR 95 from I-40 to SR 68, that new route is also having \$2 million added to the study. In summary, the subprograms create a lot of projects. They're giving out as lump sums in the last year of the program. As they advance through, they're identified by the project managers as to what these projects are actually going to be. The ten percent – the subprograms that are identified, were increased by \$88.6 million. Fifteen projects were deferred from 2006 into the program and with increases that is a total of \$232,865,000. There were subprogram line items in the existing program that were in '06. Those are moved out, and with increases that is \$1.6 million. In the current 2007-2011 projects other than '06 that was moved in, major projects were increased by \$171.4 million. Subprogram line items that are in were increased by \$3.5 million. And the design concept reports totaled \$16 million. The grand total of increases for this program is \$370.2 million.

#### **FY 2007-2011 Tentative PAG Area Transportation Facilities Construction Program**

Arnold Burnham stated that the PAG program had to be adjusted and it's about \$46 million in fiscal year '08. Main increases came from combining a large project from Prince Road to 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Costs increased from \$124 million to \$193 million. Projects were reduced and deferred for approximately \$47.5 million and added \$2.5 million of district minor funds. In all, there are 21 program changes. They moved the I-10 Pinal Air Park Road to Marana Road TI to 2008. Linda Vista TI is moved from '06 to '07. I-19 San Xavier to Ajo Way was moved to 2011. Also I-19 Continental Road TI was moved to 2007. SR 77 Calle Concordia to Tangerine Road was moved to 2008. SR 77, further up Tangerine Road is Pinal County line was pushed out beyond this five-year program. SR 86 project was moved out to 2008. Projects in the fifth year of the

program include I-10 Ina Road reconstruct that traffic interchange, in the program currently for \$17.4 million. On I-10 Ruthrauff Road to Prince Road widen the main line to eight lanes, currently at \$18 million. And I-19 San Xavier to Ajo Way widen the main line.

#### **FY 2007 – 2011 Tentative MAG Area Transportation Facilities Construction Program**

Bill Hayden shared a photograph composite overview of the regional freeway system and the proposed regional transportation plan. The program contains proposed construction activities including HOV lanes and general purpose lanes or combined, interim quarter development, right-of-way protection, improvements to Grand Avenue, new traffic interchanges and one new high occupancy vehicle ramp connection. Handouts included overall specifics of the program. Projects included in the tentative program include 114 miles of existing corridor widening and improvements, including the northern section of the Loop 303, the western section of the South Mountain Freeway, construction on I-17 from the 101 Loop north and including the Carefree Highway traffic interchange, a section of I-10 in West Central Phoenix from I-17 to the Loop 101, a section from I-10 Riggs Road in the Southeast Valley north to the Loop 202 at Pecos Road. Additional work is planned for a section of the US 60 from I-10 east to the Price Freeway adding one east lane and one west lane. Sixty-one new miles of HOV lanes will be added beginning in Scottsdale on the 101 Loop and continue south on the 101 Loop through Tempe and Chandler. And include a portion of the additional HOV lanes on US 60 in the East Valley and new HOV lanes on SR 51 from Shea Boulevard to a connection with the 101 Freeway. Two projects on I-17 will add traffic interchanges at Jomax Road and Dixileta Road and an interchange at I-10 and Buillard Avenue in West Phoenix, a third interchange at the Loop 101 at Bethany Home Road, another interchange at 64<sup>th</sup> Street and the Pima Freeway in Northeast Phoenix, and the HOV connector ramp between SR 51 and the Loop 101 in North Phoenix. For new interim and multiphase construction, there is 38 miles of new construction planned primarily for the northern section of the Loop 303 and the western section of the South Mountain Freeway and 27 miles of right-of-way protection planned. There are 75 miles of studies that are either ongoing or new transportation studies around the Valley, most notable include the I-10 Reliever Project in the Southwest Valley and the transportation study DCR work for the Williams Gateway connector in the East Valley. There is a three-year program to add an additional 34 miles of rubberized asphalt in the Valley, primarily in the Central Phoenix and 202 Freeway from the Price interchange to Gilbert Road. Fifteen projects within this five-year program have experienced one or two fiscal year deferral; however, not one of those projects will go outside the five-year program. Reflective of overall increases in construction costs, it was necessary to increase project costs for 23 projects, which would add an additional \$87 million to the program. This additional cost will be accommodated through improvements and increasing the cash flow. The Regional Transportation Plan is off to an ambitious start. The total of \$2.98 billion represents the largest of public infrastructure expenditures in Maricopa County throughout the program.

#### **FY 2007 – 2011 Tentative Airport Development Program**

Mike Kline said the tentative program began with forecasting the revenues anticipated from major revenue sources. The flight property taxes, the aircraft license tax, aviation fuel tax, and the Grand Canyon revenue are the four major revenues that this HOV revenue forecast works with. Ninety-six percent of the revenue comes from the flight property, licensing, aviation fuel and Grand Canyon Airport. In the beginning of fiscal year '06, there was a fund balance of \$20 million. Revenues during '06 are estimated at nearly \$22.5 million. Expenses are anticipated to

be approximately \$30 million. At the end of this fiscal year, there will be a fund balance of about \$12.6 million. That is the particular number to begin '07-'11 grant programs for capital improvements of airports in this state. Ninety-three public use airports are in the state system. Sixty-two of them provided 935 projects for approximately one and a half billion dollars. Some of these were for federal match grants from the Federal aviation Administration. Two hundred eighty one projects are for state and local funding and are over the life of the five-year program. In fiscal year 2007, 78 of those projects were state and local funding were submitted and considered representing \$31 million. Fifty of those projects for '07 are proposed to be funded at about \$16.8 million in this five-year program. The grant program is structured to match federal grants. Two and a half million dollars were set aside in this coming fiscal year to match the local share of a federally received grant by that sponsor. \$3.9 million is set aside in the airport pavement preservation program. Done each year, it represents about 12 to 15 airport projects across the state. We lend money to airports for revenue-producing projects so that the economy at the airports can grow. The state program for \$750,000 is to fund state airport system's planning studies, economic forecasts, aeronautical charts, aerial photographs and to support the efforts with the Governor's Advisory Council on Aviation. State funding has gone up a little and then levels out and declines a bit. The loan program remains balanced as does the state planning project. The actual obligations represented in the five-year program stayed fairly stable at just under \$30 million proposition. The intent is to keep the state aviation funds solvent and flexible to absorb changes from year to year without going into a negative figure.

### **CALL TO AUDIENCE**

Richard Lunt, Greenlee County Supervisor, thanked local organizations for the quality work. Greenlee County is concerned that US 191 Guthrie Bridge stays in place in the five-year work plan. This is a last segment of a project that has begun more than ten years ago. This road needs to be brought up to the standard for the safety of the public and for the amount of 18-wheelers. He hopes that the US 70 resurfacing from Duncan to state line does not slip again from the plan. He expressed thanks for widening State Route 75, the San Wash Bridge, and for parking with Phelps Dodge in the realignment of US 191 on the upper Chase Creek, and outside the county, appreciates the work on US 191 north of I-10 and on the Web Cox Rex Alley traffic interchange.

Dick Ellis, Sedona, Former Mayor, Member of the City Council and Member of the Executive Team for the SR 179 project, is thankful for diligence in trying to deal with the exceptionally high prices of the various components of road building and for coming up with workable answers. He appreciates keeping the 179 project on schedule and looks forward to that staying on schedule in the future.

Jeff Tripp, Airport Project Supervisor for Falcon Field in Mesa, Arizona, requested a change to two projects that have been identified in the 2007 and 2011 capital improvement program. Currently the airport is requesting the state one grant for the design of a taxiway from the northwest quadrant of the airport for \$270,000. And in 2007, a grant design and construction of Phase one development of the airport's east side aeronautical use area for \$360,000 in fiscal year 2008. Due to recent development issues on the airport, the east side quadrants have taken a higher priority for the airport than the northwest quadrant. For this reason, the airport would like to request the Board the ability to swap the two projects in the year's they are actually funded. It is anticipated that swapping the projects will not require the budgeted amounts to change. The

total amount for the monies requested from the State would remain the \$630,000 program for the two projects in their respective years.

Ingo Radicke, Gila County Consultant, said his concern is with the Florence Junction to Queen Creek slipping a year and understands there are some money issues. This project started in 1998 when he joined the Board. They talked about 9.6 miles of widening the road at Gonzales Pass and he would like to see this move back into '07. It's a safety issue. They have some proposals they'd like to talk about and some projects they have on the books. He would be available to consult and would appreciate reconsidering putting this back into the program in '07.

Terry Doolittle, Pinal County Manager on behalf of the Pinal County Board of Supervisors thanked the ADOT Board, Director Mendez and staff for the adoption of the freeway corridor studies in Northern Pinal County and expressed thanks for the related DCR study for the Williams Gateway to the north/south freeway to include those in the program. He would like ongoing dialogue in relation to US 60, the Florence Junction to Superior due to public safety issues.

Kathy Binegar, Gila County Public Works read a letter from the president and executive director of the Globe/Miami Chamber of Commerce. "It has come to our attention that the Board is looking at the project on US 60 through Gonzales Pass with the intention of delaying the improvements for two years or more. We would strongly urge the Board to reconsider. Realizing that funding is a problem and transportation needs are increasing exponentially, we understand the rationale behind such a decision. However, we would also like to point out the number of fatalities that brought this highway improvement to the forefront in the first place. The Gonzales Pass has not become any safer, and most of us who drive it regularly can attest to some very near misses. How many more deaths will it take to get this project back into the funding stream? One, in our opinion, would be too many. The residents of eastern rural Arizona deserve to have safe highways to drive. We urge you to restore the funding for this project ideally as originally planned but in no event later than fiscal year 2007. Thank you very much for your attention."

Bill Leister, spoke about Gonzales pass and US 60. It is one of the top priorities, and it has been for many years because of the safety issues. There have been so many fatalities on that road. He asked to reconsider moving that project to '07 or best yet, keep it in '06.

Joe Sanchez, Gila County Supervisor and current Chairman of the Board spoke to the Florence Junction to Queen Creek project that is about six miles. The concern is that it is on this tentative five-year plan moved back to '08. He asked the Board to consider keeping it in fiscal year '07. The stretch is Gonzales Pass and the safety factors are the main consideration. The current condition and configuration leads to many serious accidents and more than 18 deaths in the past few years. This is a main artery into the Phoenix Metropolitan area. If the Valley needed to be evacuated, US 60 is the main artery and he urged consideration to keep this in fiscal year '07.

Steve Stratton talked about the Florence Junction/Queen Creek section of Highway 60. He restated what Mr. Radicke said in that they have ideas and would like to work with the Board and staff on those ideas. They have projects they're willing to move and work around in the Powers

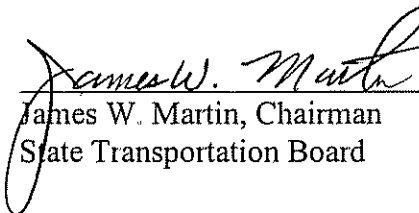
District. They're willing to defer projects in Gila County to get this funded in '07. He submitted a letter from Sheriff John Armer regarding safety issues.

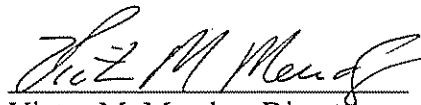
John Bowna, Councilman, Town of Jerome expressed concern for the Jerome rest room project from the tentative program. Jerome's State Park sees about one million visitors a year. Arizona State Tourism Board and the Film Commission sees Jerome as the top five largest tourist attractions within the state of Arizona. Growth is going to push these numbers higher. At the present, Jerome has no gas stations, grocery stores or large retail outlets that generally provide public restroom facilities. Jerome is moving from a national landmark status to a national monument status, again increasing the pressures on current facilities. This program started seven years ago or more and in 2005, the budget of \$800,000 was not nearly enough. The latest estimate is \$1.5 million to construct this project. The Town of Jerome and citizens are willing to work with ADOT in any way to pursue this to get this program started again.

Ernie Strauch, Vice Mayor of Sedona, spoke as the Sedona designated representative to the SR 179 executive team. He thanked the director and staff for their fantastic efforts in keeping the comprehensive 179 project funded and on schedule and encouraged the Board to adopt the budget for SR 179 as contemplated and presented.

### **ADJOURN**

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

  
James W. Martin, Chairman  
State Transportation Board

  
Victor M. Mendez, Director  
Arizona Department of Transportation



**MINUTES OF THE  
STATE TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC HEARING & BOARD MEETING  
9:00 a.m., Friday, April 21, 2006  
Town of Marana  
Municipal Complex  
11555 W. Civic Center Drive  
Marana, Arizona 85653-7007**

The State Transportation Board met in official session for a public hearing and regular meeting at 9:05 a.m., Friday, April 21, 2006, with Chairman Martin presiding. Other Board members present included: Vice Chairman Joe Lane, Bill Feldmeier, Delbert Householder, Bob Montoya, Si Schorr and Felipe Zubia. Also present were Director Victor Mendez; David Jankofsky, Deputy Director; Dale Buskirk, Associate Director, Transportation Planning; Sam Elters, State Engineer; Mike Klein, Program Manager for Airport Development of the Division of Aeronautics; Arnold Burnham, Priority Programming Manager, Air Quality Section; and Bill Hayden, MAGS Regional Freeway System Life Cycle Office. There were approximately 100 people in the audience.

**OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE**

Mr. Schorr led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chairman Martin extended gratitude for the Town of Marana's hospitality and welcomed two new board members Felipe Zubia and Bill Feldmeier. In lieu of the tradition of introducing dignitaries, attendees greeted one another.

**CALL TO AUDIENCE**

Ed Honea, Mayor, Town of Marana provided a welcome and expressed a commitment to infrastructure improvements on Marana's main street, which is 18 miles of I-10 from the Pinal County line to Sunset Road. They are doing an RTA program to improve infrastructure. They are going to be the host community for the new Accenture Golf Tournament in February and within about two years, a new Ritz Carlton resort in the Dove Mountain community.

Jim DeGrood, Town of Marana enjoys the cooperative relationship with both the District and ADOT. He shared a photograph of Cortaro Farms Road or Cortaro Road at the Cortaro interchange. Usually with traffic queued up half a mile, there was only one opportunity to get underneath the freeway. The recent widening of the I-10 mainline from Cortaro north to Tangerine, the incorporation into the approval the inclusion of new lanes between the bridge piers and the bridge abutments was huge. They contributed a million dollars of recently adopted half cent sales tax to pay for this and appreciate staff making a profound improvement for the community. Focus now is on the Twin Peaks interchange. The VCR's approved; the kickoff on the final design was this week and is hoped to be under construction late 2007. Funding for this \$70 million project will include Federal earmarks, a local impact fee, possible RTA or the half cent sales tax. Other projects include a proposed interchange on the north end of the community providing access to the east side of I-10. The Tangerine road interchange is a \$25 million improvement issue with the local development community. There is a commitment to build parallel routes to I-10 for regional transportation access. A future blooming problem is the Marana interchange to accommodate the 40,000 vehicles a day that are going to be approaching that interchange ten years from now. Drainage is a major project. The drainage culverts under I-10 discharge onto the frontage road to the Santa Cruz River with no defined channels. It's a

major problem and it's going to be an impediment to growth. They are working with the Union Pacific Railroad to design a single structure to eliminate six or seven culverts that just spill out onto the frontage road and effectively convey this floodwater to the Santa Cruz River and timing this with the next phase of I-10 widening to the north would be nice. Trash along I-10 is something that everybody is experiencing. Committed to date this calendar year are over 14,000 hours of cleanup effort along I-10.

Charlie Mangum, Airport Director, Town of Marana at the Marana Regional Airport stated that the Aeronautics Department does an outstanding job to help improve airports in the State, which, in turn, improves the local and state economy. The economic impact for the Marana Regional Airport is more than \$19 million per year, which equals about \$50,000 per day. The airport supports employment for more than 257 people. The Town is very supportive of the State's five-year tentative airport development program. A video of the improvements committed at the Marana Regional Airport in the past few years was shown. Aviation Grants that help fund airport capital improvement projects are beneficial not only to the Marana Regional Airport and the Town of Marana but to Pima County and to the State of Arizona.

Rich Gaar, Executive Director of the Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization said they have been at the same funding level for the past ten years or more. Their five-year program is hurting. They see no increases and can't build a mile of road for a million dollars anymore. If there is any money, the rural COGs would be very appreciative.

Jay Howe, City of Safford spoke regarding a sidewalk trail project in Safford. Funding was approved by the State Transportation Board through a JPA 05063, an IGA signed by the City of Safford and ADOT in September 2005. The City of Safford has two path projects approved by ADOT in this IGA and they are grateful for ADOT's assistance and financial support and for other projects that benefit the City and Gila Valley and Graham County. These projects took a long time to develop and felt that a large part of the delay was a direct result of the dikes placed by SHPO. Environmental, historical, engineering, funding and political issues were overcome to get the IGA in place, agreed to and signed by ADOT and the City of Safford. The problem now is that the amendment to the JPA generated by ADOT staff and received by the City of Safford just this month is requesting reduction in funding, \$250,000 less than the IGA already signed by the City and ADOT. By direction of the Mayor, Mr. Howe respectfully requested that the State Transportation Board consider honoring the amount of the IGA signed by ADOT and the City of Safford in September 2005 for the amount of \$679,242 in Federal funds, with a budgeted match from the City of Safford of \$41,082.10.

William Killian, retired resident of Tucson said his son is the President of Pima Waste of Tucson and asked about the widening of I-10, the closing of the ramps from Prince to 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, if there would be any special tax consideration or other remunerations for the businesses that depend on those ramps. The other issue is heavy industrial vehicles needing to go through private and residential streets if all of those ramps are closed at once.

Kurt Weinrich, Pima County addressed the 2007 to 2011 tentative Airport Development Program. Pima County owns and operates the Ajo Municipal Airport, recently renamed the Eric Marcus Memorial Municipal Airport. The airport was last reviewed in a Master Plan in 1999 projecting numerous economic development improvements. Regrettably, much of that Airport Master Plan's economic development goal had not been realized in the subsequent seven years. The Airport Master

Plan needs to be updated. The tentative Airport Development Program shows a \$75,000 figure, of which, Pima County would provide a ten percent match. The scope should probably be funded at the level of \$150,000 for the entire study, of which, again, the County is willing to provide the ten percent match. He respectfully requested that the tentative Airport Development Program be amended for the Ajo Municipal line item in that amount and recommended that the State Transportation Board adopt the Airport Development Program as well as the other transportation improvement programs.

Michael Hing, Town of Superior discussed the issue with the expansion of Highway 60 that dramatically affects the community. A town of 3,200 people, the highway is desperately in need of major improvements. He asked that the project remain on schedule; the Gonzales Pass area has become a very hazardous, safety issue.

Katie Dusenberry, Tucson and past member of the Transportation Board thanked the Board for widening of I-10 going north and looks forward to the completion of the eight lanes from Prince to 29<sup>th</sup> Street. She asked to keep on schedule or move forward the Marsh station interchange. They are working to pass the May 16<sup>th</sup> election on the Regional Transportation Plan and the half cent sales tax is hoped to be well accepted by the community.

Steve Lopez, Resident of Superior, Arizona talked about the improvement of Highway 60. On May 19, 1999, his wife, daughter and grandson were killed. In the month of May, seven members of Superior were lost due to the unsafe conditions of the highway. Shortly after, there were public hearings with ADOT with promises for improvements and that everything would be expedited. They have been waiting for the improvements, have seen some slow processes and see crosses continuing to go up. He said do not delay this project; save lives.

Greg Lucero, Santa Cruz County introduced the new County Engineer, Dennis Alvarez and thanked ADOT, ADOT staff and the Governor's office for looking at the Mariposa Port of Entry and getting the President to put in his budget \$9 million for the design to expand the Port of Entry. ADOT staff worked hard to construct two fast lanes that will expedite the flow of commercial truck traffic. There are thousands of commercial cargo trucks stuck at the border and that flow is soon going to be shifted onto the Mariposa Road and I-19 interchange causing concern to the close proximity to Nogales High School, in essence, shifting that bottleneck to have the mix of high school students in their vehicles and thousands of commercial cargo trucks in the same location.

Dennis Alvarez, County Engineer added that about 1,500 or 1,600 trucks cross daily. At morning rush hour they don't release the trucks until a certain time of day and they all hit the intersection of First Frank Reed Road, the intersection of the high school, and then they hit the underpass. They respectfully request that ADOT look at evaluating and possibly look at dual left turns at the intersection at the underpass at I-19 and Mariposa and there needs to be a serious study on how to improve Mariposa Road, SR 189, to accommodate the increased traffic and request to take a look at a PA or profile study to look at the impact of releasing additional trucks at the Port of Entry.

Mr. Lucero continued to address the West Frontage Road between Ruby Road and Country Club. Currently in ADOT's five-year plan for design there is a regional hospital that is going to be in at the interchange of Ruby Road and I-19, and right now it is creating a significant traffic flow problem at Country Club and West Frontage Road.

Mr. Alvarez added if the roadway improvement is not scheduled on a five-year program, ADOT should proceed with, at least, installing traffic signals based on the traffic signal warrant studies.

Stanley Gibson, City of Globe attended the Public Hearing in Superior shortly after the tragic accident when ADOT committed to fixing the Gonzales Pass. He urged the Board to fulfill that commitment.

Cherie Campbell, from PAG expressed that they have worked closely with ADOT staff for development of the five-year program and are currently working with staff for funding of roughly \$46 million in additional funding that has been made available for fiscal years '08 through '10 for projects that include I-10 Tangerine TI to Pinal Air Park Road; the I-10 Ina Road TA; I-10 and I-19 landscaping; I-10, the Pantano Railroad, Marsh Station TI; State Route 86, near the reservation boundary; near the Town of Sells; the San Pedro road area; on SR 77, Oracle Road; a project from Calle Concordia to Tangerine and from Tangerine to the Pinal County line. These projects have been approved by the two subcommittees and they are moving forward for approval by the Regional Council this month and when the Regional Council approves them, they will be provided to staff for incorporation into the five-year program for adoption in June.

Tom Rankin, Mayor, Town of Florence spoke on the continued funding for Highway 60. Pinal County is one of the largest growing counties in the United States. Highway 60 from Florence Junction to Queen Creek needs to be taken care of. He asked to keep funding for Highway 60 in 2007.

John Bouwman, Councilmember, Town of Jerome expressed concern over the removal of the Jerome area rest stop from the five-year plan. This project began with a conversation between ADOT and the Town of Jerome in 1990; and in 1995 there was a preliminary set of plans drawn for restroom, a visitor center, stabilization of the hillside below 89A and improvements to parking areas. Funding came from Federal and State, with Jerome supplying the property and the operations. Geotechnical surveys were done in 2002; all agencies accepted the plan; all paperwork and construction plans have been completed; it went to bid in 2005. There was one bidder and the project apparently was dropped. Jerome, a town of 400 people, has approximately 1.2 million vehicles a year going through on 89A. He asked how does Jerome facilitate the completion of this project. How can we work together? Who do we talk to? What do we need to do to continue this project and get it completed?

Ingo Radicke, representing Gila County as a consultant stated that he was there in 1998 when the decision and promises were made for Highway 60, mainly Gonzales Pass, which is now on the plan for 2008 and ready for funding. He reminded some of the Board members that every year they put in a banking of \$5 million to \$6 million to make one whole complete project. When he left the Board in 2004, there was about \$39 million in the budget for the Gonzales Pass project, which is now called Florence Junction to Queen Creek. He offered to deal with ADOT on future projects and potentially delay some of those, to get some of this money out of that into the '07 budget to get this project moving.

Richard Lunt, Supervisor of Greenlee County thanked ADOT as the roads in Greenlee County are in good shape and the work on the Sands Wash will add to the safety factor for those that commute to Phelps Dodge. He expressed concern with the bridge at Guthrie, a bottleneck, coming off Guthrie Peak down into the Gila River, the grade is steep and there is no shoulder and with the amount of trucks, that is just a bad accident waiting to happen. He would appreciate that project continue to be a priority. Resurfacing from Duncan to the State line also is needed.

Paul Licano, Mayor of Miami urged the Board to maintain the schedule for the Gonzales Pass project. The increased traffic that goes through will be further increased by the development of the rock climbing park near Kearny, which is predicted to have an annual presentation of 600,000 people.

Jim Palmer, Supervisor of Graham County reported they recently celebrated the opening of the 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue widening and signalization project, a partnership between the cities of Thatcher and Safford and ADOT. He encouraged continued progress on filling in gaps moving forward on the 191 project including the continued study of the project into Safford as it joins with Highway 70. He encouraged continued study of Highway 70 East and the five-lane widening project going forward out of Safford. As the mine and new facilities come online, that becomes an even more important project. He understands that there has been some alternative funding identified in the 366 corridor up to Mount Graham to extend and improve the road into the telescopes, the recreation areas. He encouraged looking at and improving that road. He expressed support for the Gonzales Pass and the Highway 60 freeway extensions.

Mary Anne Moreno, Executive Director of the Globe-Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation discussed one of the issues in the Chamber is visitors who wanted to go out to Roosevelt Lake and they were warning them about the Devora Wash section as being extremely dangerous. Now they are warning people to be careful about Gonzales Pass because it is an unsafe area. She spoke on behalf of the section from Florence Junction to Queen Creek and would like to see that remain in the schedule as scheduled. They are seeing over 90,000 visitors just in the Chamber alone. A letter from the President Elect of the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Corporation stating the similar was submitted.

Richard Searle, Cochise County Board of Supervisors representing the Arizona-New Mexico Coalition of Counties said that the Coalition of Counties is an organization made up of 16 counties in Arizona and New Mexico, originally organized to protect and preserve the rural economies. Members are Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Apache, Navajo and Gila County. Each year the Coalition attempts to identify and acknowledge a State employee who has made a positive influence in rural counties. This employee has done an excellent job in dealing with transportation issues in rural counties and uses his common sense in dealing with issues. Ron Casper was presented Arizona State Employee of the Year from the Coalition of Arizona and New Mexico Counties.

Bill Lester from CAAG said that funding for their local rural projects is woefully inadequate. They are in the process of developing their five-year TIP in the CAAG region and in 2011 program three and a half projects. More money would be greatly appreciated. There are grave concerns on the proposal to move the US 60 projects back. It's a terrible safety issue and one of the top priorities in the CAAG region for many years.

Lieutenant Mike Corbin, Department of Public Safety, District Commander for the area covering Pinal County including the Gonzales Pass area spoke on behalf of himself, his officers, the citizens and Director Vanderpool advising strong opposition to any delay in the Gonzales Pass area project. That's a major transportation route going to the White Mountains and they are the ones that have to investigate those accidents. He worked there 27 years ago as a patrol officer and there's not been lots of significant change since then. This is a very important project to not delay and to move forward rapidly to finish and make it a safer road.

Mary Jacobs, Assistant City Manager, City of Sierra Vista presented a check for a hundred thousand dollars for the City's share to advance the study for the SR 92 south corridor widening project and to show appreciation of the partnership with ADOT. They are working on completing their transit center funded through ADOT. It will be the first Leadership in Energy Design building in the City of Sierra Vista. She thanked the Board for grants in airport improvements for the construction and loan program for future hanger facilities, several shared use paths and several HES grants.

Lionel Ruiz, from Mammoth thanked the Board for approving the Pinal Freeway Transportation Study and for help at the San Manuel Airport. They are planning on building a new cement batching plant in Superior, adding more traffic to that highway. Any effort to reinstate the money for the project would be greatly appreciated.

Steve Stratton and Jack Husted voiced their support for the Gonzales Pass and waived their three-minute presentation.

Mr. Schorr suggested that with respect to the comments on Gonzales Pass that staff provide what alternatives, if any, may be available with respect to alleviating that problem. And because it's a funding issue, energy be given to addressing the Legislature. There is a need for transportation improvements all over the State and the necessity to address the Legislature to either increase the gasoline tax or come up with a viable form of alternative financing for these very important State transportation needs.

Mr. Zubia noted there is quite a bit of consensus from all of the communities within the CAAG regions and recommends Ingo's suggestion with regard to delaying some projects.

Mr. Mendez added to the issue on US 60. He suggested to CAAG that maybe through a CAAG resolution, they come to the Board with specific recommendations or suggestions. One important element is a focus on the tentative program and a deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup> to have that in place; but that doesn't mean that the Board cannot change the program in July or August. He asked CAAG to consider that as an offer.

### **HELP Loan**

John McGee presented a Resolution recommending approval of an application for Financial Assistance from, and Loan Repayment Agreement with, the City of Goodyear for the following design project: I-10 Widening. The requested loan would be to advance certain design work on two projects on Interstate 10 from Loop 101 to Sarival Road. Goodyear, Buckeye, Avondale and Litchfield Park have made commitments to both MAG and to the Department to help with funding for this advancement; the actual projects themselves and the reprioritization of the projects, both the design projects and the construction projects are now moving through the MAG process. The acceleration plan will allow for the acceleration of approximately \$50 million of widening work from 101 to Dysart including one additional general purpose lane and one HOV lane in each direction. That project would be accelerated from approximately 2014 to 2008. The project would also advance \$85 million worth of work from Dysart to Sarival including two general purpose lanes and one HOV lane in each direction, accelerating that work from 2011 to 2008 and 2009. In order to accomplish this acceleration, the Board would be asked to employ two financing mechanisms to bring the money forward. The first financing mechanism would be a HELP loan in the amount of \$7,369,000. Approval of the HELP loan

would allow the Department to immediately begin the design work on these two construction projects. The second financing mechanism would be the issuance of one or more grant anticipation notes, bond issuances in the 2008, 2009 time frame, in an aggregate amount of about \$120 million. The grant anticipation note issuance would do two things: it would partially repay the HELP loan and it would fund the construction of the two projects. The issuance would come out of MAG's 50 percent allocated share of the Board's grant anticipation note capacity, which is about \$400 million. This plan was approved Wednesday night unanimously by the MAG Transportation Planning Committee and it's scheduled to go before the MAG Regional Council on April 26<sup>th</sup>. If the MAG Regional Council approves the acceleration plan, the Board would then be asked to modify its current program to reflect these changes.

Stephen Cleveland, City Manager, City of Goodyear discussed the four city councils sitting together passing a resolution committing over \$25 million towards the project to accelerate by about seven years the freeway from Loop 101 to Sarival Road. He introduced Mayor of Avondale Marie Lopez Rogers and Mayor of Litchfield Park Wood Thomas. They're prepared to finance the design and pay roughly \$800,000 towards this acceleration of the design effort to accelerate seven years of this overall project and then financially participate up to about \$25 million towards the construction. This stretch of road, I-10 West, is the commerce corridor from Los Angeles to the rest of the nation. There is a huge safety factor throughout the length of I-10 from California to Florida. The average death rate is about .19 per mile. In our section it's ten times higher. It's natural congestion that's occurring from the various growth activities.

Mr. McGee provided a technical point. The HELP loan will fund three separate design projects. Two of the design projects are in the current five-year program and the MAG TIP. The third one, which is in the long-term plan is not. Under State law, one of the requirements for a HELP loan is that the projects being funded must be in the region's TIP and in the five-year program. Because of going through the MAG process, it's being done on a conditional basis until the projects are brought into the TIP and the five-year program. With that caveat, a Resolution was presented accepting and approving a highway expansion and extension loan application from the City of Goodyear and authorizing a loan repayment agreement, for which there is a recommendation for conditional approval.

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Zubia pending approval of the TIP improvement, seconded by Mr. Lane and passed unanimously.

#### **FY 2007 – 2011 Tentative Statewide Transportation Facilities Construction Program**

Arnold Burnham presented the portion of the five-year program that deals with the 13 other counties. The program is based on certain major assumptions, an \$118 million appropriation from the State General Fund back to the State Highway Fund and the approval of House Bill 2206, which is removal of the HURF cap. Other assumptions are increased selected subprograms and new subprograms added. Because of cost increases, several projects were moved out of the current 2006 into future years and were outlined. Design concept reports where they added new ones and added to some that are currently going on were outlined. Fifteen major projects were deferred and \$68.296 million to the program was added. Some of the subprograms that are currently in the program as line items, there is \$3.5 million added to those projects and \$16 million added to the design concept reports.

### **FY 2007 – 2011 Tentative PAG Area Transportation Facilities Construction Program**

Mr. Wallace said there is one large project, the I-10 to Prince Road to 29<sup>th</sup> Street that the PAG Region has worked through to move projects around. The project cost increases went from \$124 million to \$193 million prior to going out to bid. PAG and ADOT reduced and deferred approximately \$47.5 million in projects, added 2.5 million in District Minor funds, PAG contribution was \$19.2 million. In total there are 21 program and TIP changes. The proposed deferrals may be covered at the bonding, so come June they may be changing and were described in detail.

### **FY 2007 – 2011 Tentative MAG Area Transportation Facilities Construction Program**

Bill Hayden reported that the development of the tentative five-year Highway Construction Program and Regional Transportation Plan incorporate current construction trends that are prevalent in Maricopa County but also are reflective of construction costs, construction programs statewide. These construction cost trends beginning in 2004, continuing through 2005 and now into the first quarter of 2006 have reflected that commodity costs, labor costs in the construction industry have significantly increased. Projects are coming in from 20 to 50 percent higher than earlier estimated. Concrete, cement, steel, PVC pipe, all petroleum oil additives or products using petroleum reflect these higher costs. During this first quarter those costs seem to have modulated somewhat. Energy costs still remain rather volatile. For these first few years, the first five-year program, there are various engineering, environmental, project development or costs, cash flow maintenance issues that have impacted the program, resulting in 15 projects having a one-or two-year deferral within that five-year program. None of the projects fall out of the program, they are just being deferred one year or in some cases two years. Reflective of the cost increases there are 23 projects that have had cost changes for the '07-'11 program. These projects total \$87 million above the projected cost for the program. They also are being accommodated by projected cash flow. There are traffic interchanges as part of the program, one major high occupancy vehicle ramp connection and additional studies. A summary of the major project construction activities associated with the delivery of the program was shared.

### **FY 2007 – 2011 Tentative Airport Development Program**

Mike Klein, Airport Development Program Administrator for the ADOT Aeronautics Division provided an overview of the five-year program being prepared for airport development projects within the State of Arizona. The revenue sources used to fund the aviation program come primarily from flight property taxes, aircraft license, licensing loop tax, aviation fuel tax and Grand Canyon airport revenues. The majority of what is used from the aviation fund comes from flight property taxes, approximately 61 percent of the revenues generated in 2005 fiscal year. Aircraft registration tax was 26 percent. In '06, a funding balance of \$20 million was estimated. With revenues in '06, total revenues of \$22.4 million are projected. They request all airports to provide their desires of airport funding projects and take their requests for Federal funding and put that in the same mix and work with the FAA in adopting an inclusive program. Ninety three airports are in the State Airport System. Sixty-two of them submitted projects for consideration. Those in '07, 78 projects were \$31 million, 50 of those are proposed to be funded for about \$16 million. Two and a half million dollars are set aside to match Federal grants. The airport pavement preservation program started four years ago and has been quite successful. The airport development loan program is set at \$6 million. These are typically revenue generating projects such as fuel farms, agri facilities, things that are not eligible for an airport grant. In the ensuing five years, they are moving up to \$3 million on federal match program. With the balance of the five-year program, it will stay right around \$30 million a year.



## **CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items.

### **Director's Report**

Victor Mendez, Director discussed the Sun corridor, which is basically a corridor from Prescott through Nogales and Sierra Vista. Governor Napolitano unveiled her growth and infrastructure initiative and outlined several issues that she believes are important for the Board to consider. She created an internal working group that includes cabinet level officials, including ADOT, Commerce, State Lands, Water Resources, Environmental Quality, Game and Fish, Revenue and DES and some of the research branches within DES. The issue is what can we within State government do to address natural resources and infrastructure issues. The Governor created an external stakeholder group to discuss the issues with various stakeholders. Within the next week, advertising for the widening of I-10, 29<sup>th</sup> to Prince will be advertised for bids.

### **Legislative Report**

Kevin Biesty provided an update on Legislative issues. Mr. Biesty and Director Mendez are planning a trip next month to visit with delegation about issues including funding and priorities. At the State level, there is some movement towards coming up with a budget that the Governor will accept. House Bill 2206, the State Highway Fund Bond Bill, moved along again. It got out of Senate Appropriations with an amendment that is acceptable. It took the coverage ration from two times to three times. There are a couple of bills dealing with eminent domain; most of the discussions have been geared towards city activities. Regarding bills to appropriate hundreds of millions of dollars for transportation, those are effectively stalled and will become part of the budget.

### **Financial Report**

John McGee reported that HURF revenue from collections remain strong, investment rates continue to improve and the HELP cash balance remains adequate.

### **Financing Program**

John McGee reported that in the Senate Appropriations Committee there was an amendment made to the bill that removes the \$1.3 million cap. In the statutes there is a two-times coverage requirement, which, says that revenues have to exceed by two times whatever the maximum debt service is. From an operational standpoint, without a huge amount of additional revenue coming into the Highway user Revenue Fund, attaining a two-times coverage really wouldn't work mathematically. When the resolution was put together, a coverage test was put together. Even that, given current revenue levels, probably would be difficult to attain. There was an amendment made to the bonding statutes, which would raise that two times coverage level to three times coverage, which is in line with what the resolution requires. If there was just an extreme abundance of HURF funds flowing into the State Highway Fund, that's an issue that might be addressed in the future.

### **HELP Loan**

John McGee presented a Resolution recommending approval of an application for Financial Assistance from, and Loan Repayment Agreement with, Mohave County for the following construction project: Highway 91 and Beaver Dam Wash Bridge. The loan would be to Mohave County in the amount of \$8.7 million. Anticipated to be for four year, the loan proceeds would allow Mohave County to rebuild Highway 91 Beaver Dam Wash Bridge, which was destroyed by a flood in late 2004. The

project has been approved for funding by FHWA under their emergency relief funding. Mohave County asked for a HELP loan to rebuild the bridge until the ER funding becomes available.

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Feldmeier, seconded by Mr. Montoya and passed unanimously.

It was noted that Si Schorr was no longer present at the meeting so any recusal problems were not an issue.

\* **MINUTES – APPROVAL**

**Board Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2006**

\* **2006 BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC HEARING & STUDY SESSION  
DATES AND LOCATIONS**

April 21, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Board Meeting & Public Hearing – Marana  
May 5, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Public Hearing – Flagstaff  
May 19, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Board meeting – Graham County  
June 6, 2006, 1:00 p.m. – Study Session (if necessary) – Phoenix  
June 23, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Board Meeting – Prescott (Please note this meeting will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month, instead of the third Friday.)  
July 21, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Board Meeting – Show Low  
August 1, 2006, 1:00 p.m. – Study Session (if necessary) – Phoenix  
August 18, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Board Meeting – Holbrook  
September 15, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Board Meeting – Glendale  
October 3, 2006, 1:00 p.m. – Study Session (if necessary) – Phoenix  
October 20, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Board Meeting – East Valley  
November 7, 2006, 1:00 p.m. – Study Session (if necessary) – Phoenix  
November 17, 2006 – Board Meeting – Willcox  
December 5, 2006 – Study Session (if necessary) – Phoenix  
December 15, 2006 – Board Meeting - Tucson

**PRIORITY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PPAC) – DALE BUSKIRK**

**FY 2006 - 2010 Transportation Facilities Construction Program Requested Modifications**

ROUTE NO:	SR 189
COUNTY:	Santa Cruz
SCHEDULE:	FY 2006
SECTION:	Mariposa Road Port of Entry
TYPE OF WORK:	Software Upgrade and Training
PROGRAM AMOUNT:	\$ 69,000
PROJECT MANAGER:	Dave Mellgren
PROJECT:	H528206X     Item # 21705

REQUESTED ACTION: Delete program item from the FY 2006 Highway Construction Program. Funds will not be needed for this program item. **Funds are transferred to the FY 2006 Program Adjustment Fund #72306.**

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Householder and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: SR 189  
COUNTY: Santa Cruz  
SCHEDULE: FY 2007  
SECTION: Mariposa Road Port of Entry  
TYPE OF WORK: Construct parking and road improvements  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 2,325,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: Dave Mellgren  
PROJECT: H528205C Item # 18006  
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$954,000 to \$3,279,000. **See multiple funding sources below.**  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$2,325,000  
INCREASE AMOUNT: \$954,000  
FY 2006 Program Adjustment Fund #72306 \$69,000  
FHWA Motor Carrier Safety Inspection Grant \$885,000  
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$3,279,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Montoya and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: SR 95 @ MP 230.00  
COUNTY: Mohave  
SCHEDULE: FY 2006  
SECTION: Aztec Road - Camp Mohave Road  
TYPE OF WORK: Construct intersection drainage improvements  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 1,500,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: Larry Doescher  
PROJECT: H597201C Item # 22006  
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$600,000 to \$2,100,000 due to updated cost estimate. **Funds are available from the FY 2006 District Minor Fund #73306.**  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,500,000  
INCREASE AMOUNT: \$600,000  
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$2,100,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Feldmeier, seconded by Mr. Montoya and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: I-10 @ MP 322.60  
COUNTY: Cochise

SCHEDULE: FY 2006 – New Project Request  
 SECTION: Johnson Road Traffic Interchange / Underpass  
 TYPE OF WORK: Bridge Superstructure replacement  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Richard Johnson  
 PROJECT: H670501C  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new bridge project in the amount of \$670,000 in the FY 2006 Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the FY 2006 Bridge Inspection and Repair Fund #71406.**  
 NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$670,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Householder, seconded by Mr. Lane and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: US 70 @ MP 282.20  
 COUNTY: Graham  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2006 – New Project Request  
 SECTION: MP 282.2 - MP 283.5  
 TYPE OF WORK: Repair dips in roadway  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Orlando Jerez  
 PROJECT: H619301C  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new roadway project in the amount of \$1,400,000 in the FY 2006 Highway Construction Program. **See multiple funding sources below.**  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project  
     FY 2006 Minor Pavement Preservation Fund #74806 \$360,000  
     FY 2006 District Minor Fund #73306 \$1,040,000  
 NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,400,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Householder, seconded by Mr. Montoya and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: SR 85 @ MP 152.00  
 COUNTY: Maricopa  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2006 – New Project Request  
 SECTION: Southern Avenue to I-10  
 TYPE OF WORK: Relocation of Utilities  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Orlando Jerez  
 PROJECT: H595554C  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new utility relocation project in the amount of \$2,300,000 in the FY 2006 Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from the SR 85 Southern - I-10 #20906.**  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$2,300,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Zubia, seconded by Mr. Lane and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: US 180 @ MP 216.20  
COUNTY: Coconino  
SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - New Project Request  
SECTION: Navajo Blvd - Sechrist Elm  
TYPE OF WORK: Construct Multi-use path  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
PROJECT MANAGER: John O'Connor  
PROJECT: H633401C  
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new transportation enhancement project in the amount of \$693,000 in the FY 2006 Highway Construction Program. **Funds are available from FY 2006 Transportation Enhancement Improvements Fund #75306**

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$693,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Mr. Feldmeier and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: US 180 @ MP 217.30  
COUNTY: Coconino  
SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - New Project Request  
SECTION: Sechrist Schoos - Freemont Dr  
TYPE OF WORK: Construct Multi-use path  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: New Project Request  
PROJECT MANAGER: John O'Connor  
PROJECT: H599901C  
REQUESTED ACTION: Establish a new transportation enhancement project in the amount of \$1,302,000 in the FY 2006 Highway Construction Program. **See multiple funding sources below.**

FY 2006 Transportation Enhancement Fund #75306 (Construction) \$750,000

City of Flagstaff, JPA 04-056 \$52,000

FY 2006 District Minor #73306 \$420,000

FY 2006 Transportation Enhancement Fund #72206 (Contingency) \$80,000

NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$1,302,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Mr. Householder and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: I-17 @ MP 194.90

COUNTY: Maricopa  
SCHEDULE: FY 2006  
SECTION: 16th St - Buckeye Rd  
TYPE OF WORK: Construct Screen Wall  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 3,035,000 JPA 03-036  
PROJECT MANAGER: Steve Beasley  
PROJECT: H642301C Item # 21706  
REQUESTED ACTION: Increase program amount by \$1,500,000 to \$4,535,000 to reflect current construction cost estimate. **Funds area available from the City of Phoenix per JPA 03-36.**

PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$3,035,000  
INCREASE AMOUNT: \$1,500,000  
NEW PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$4,535,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Zubia, seconded by Mr. Lane and passed unanimously.

ROUTE NO: I-40 @ MP 330.00  
COUNTY: Apache  
SCHEDULE: FY 2007  
SECTION: McCarrell Traffic Interchange - Querino  
TYPE OF WORK: Pavement preservation  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$ 15,032,000  
PROJECT MANAGER: Akram Friekh  
PROJECT: H636501C Item # 15907  
REQUESTED ACTION: Advance project from FY 2007 to FY 2006. Funding capacity exist from previous FY 2006 deferrals.  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: \$15,032,000

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Mr. Householder and passed unanimously.

#### **FY 2006-2010 Airport Development Program – Requested Modifications**

AIRPORT NAME: Williams Gateway Airport  
SPONSOR: Williams Gateway Airport Authority  
AIRPORT CATEGORY: Reliever  
SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - 2010  
PROJECT #: E6S34  
PROGRAM AMOUNT: Project Change  
PROJECT MANAGER: Tammy Martelle  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Design Only: Taxiway L between Rwy 30C and south area (including 450 ft. of Twy A adjacent to Twy L)  
REQUESTED ACTION: Approve Scope change to include 450 ft of Twy A.

FUNDING SOURCES:	<b>FAA</b>	\$
	<b>Sponsor</b>	\$50,000
	<b>State</b>	\$450,000
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$500,000

AIRPORT NAME: Greenlee County  
 SPONSOR: Greenlee County  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public Use  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2006 – 2010  
 PROJECT #: E6F68  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: Project Change  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Tammy Martelle  
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Rehabilitate Runway 7/25 (~4970' x 75'),  
 Rehabilitate Connecting Taxiway.  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Approve increase of \$224.00 to match FAA grant  
 Increase.

FUNDING SOURCES:	<b>FAA</b>	\$170,014
	<b>Sponsor</b>	\$4,474
	<b>State</b>	\$4,474
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$178,962

AIRPORT NAME: Greenlee County  
 SPONSOR: Greenlee County  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public Use  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2006 – 2010  
 PROJECT #: E5S70  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: Project Change  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Ray Boucher  
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Airport Master Drainage Study (including SWPPP)  
 REQUESTED ACTION: Approve funding in the amount of \$5,498 and a  
 Scope change to include a SWPPP.

FUNDING SOURCES:	<b>FAA</b>	\$
	<b>Sponsor</b>	\$9,110
	<b>State</b>	\$81,998
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$91,108

AIRPORT NAME: Buckeye Municipal  
 SPONSOR: Town of Buckeye  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Public Use  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - 2010  
 PROJECT #: E6S06

PROGRAM AMOUNT: Project Change  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Ed Suserud  
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Pave Entrance Road (Design Only); Fire Protection System (Design Only); Drainage & Utilities Study

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve Scope change to include a Drainage and Utilities study.

FUNDING SOURCES:

<b>FAA</b>	\$
<b>Sponsor</b>	\$27,500
<b>State</b>	\$247,500
<i>Total Program</i>	\$275,000

AIRPORT NAME: Falcon Field  
 SPONSOR: City of Mesa  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Reliever  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - 2010  
 PROJECT #: E3F49  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: Project Change  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Tammy Martelle  
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Reconstruct Taxiways, Improve Runway safety areas, Install airfield guidance signs, Fence Drive at both sides of Taxiway B intersection, Install perimeter fence in areas without a perimeter fence (design only)

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve Scope change to match FAA Grant Amendment.

FUNDING SOURCES:

<b>FAA</b>	\$2,503,417
<b>Sponsor</b>	\$122,889
<b>State</b>	\$122,889
<i>Total Program</i>	\$2,749,195

AIRPORT NAME: Lake Havasu  
 SPONSOR: Lake Havasu City  
 AIRPORT CATEGORY: Commercial  
 SCHEDULE: FY 2006 - 2010  
 PROJECT #: E3F33  
 PROGRAM AMOUNT: Project Change  
 PROJECT MANAGER: Ed Suserud  
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Acquire ARFF Vehicle; Acquire Security Equipment for Access Control



REQUESTED ACTION: Approve increase of \$9,663 to match FAA grant increase.

FUNDING SOURCES:	FAA	\$2,045,276
	Sponsor	\$100,399
	State	\$100,400
	<i>Total Program</i>	\$2,246,075

**Board Action:** A motion to approve Items 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 was made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Mr. Feldmeier and passed unanimously.

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  - Minutes of March 1 & March 10, 2006
  - Summary of Changes to the FY 06 – 10 Highway Construction Program
  - Highway Program Monitoring Report

- \* Next regular scheduled meetings of the Priority Planning Advisory Committee (PPAC). Times and dates of meetings could vary and will be announced at time of agenda distribution.

- May 3, 2006 10:00 AM
- May 31, 2006 10:00 AM
- July 5, 2006 10:00 AM
- August 2, 2006 10:00 AM
- August 30, 2006 1:00 PM
- October 4, 2006 10:00 AM
- November 1, 2006 10:00 AM
- November 29, 2006 10:00 AM
- January 3, 2007

### **RIGHT OF WAY RESOLUTIONS**

\* RES. NO: 2006-04-A-015  
PROJECT: I-010-C-802 / 010MA146H545402R  
HIGHWAY: PHOENIX – CASA GRANDE  
SECTION: Jct. S.R. 51 – Jct. S.R. 202 Loop  
ROUTE NO.: Interstate Route 10  
ENG. DIST: Phoenix  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
RECOMMENDATION: Establish new right of way as a State Route for Advance Acquisition of Parcel No. 7-10459

\* RES. NO: 2006-04-A-016  
PROJECT: 600-8-802 / 202LMA000H492101R  
HIGHWAY: RED MOUNTAIN FREEWAY  
SECTION: Country Club Drive – Gilbert Road (“Old” Lehi Road)

ROUTE NO.: State Route 202 Loop  
ENG. DIST: Phoenix  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
RECOMMENDATION: Disposal by Abandonment to the City of Mesa  
for a continued public use

\* RES. NO: 2006-04-A-017  
PROJECT: F-022-2-843 / 060MA122H457303R  
F-022-2-842 / 060MA122H457302R  
F-022-2-844 / 060MA122H457301R  
HIGHWAY: WICKENBURG - PHOENIX  
SECTION: Morristown RROP – 203<sup>rd</sup> Ave (West)  
203<sup>rd</sup> Ave (West) – Deer Valley Road  
Deer Valley Road – Beardsley Road  
ROUTE NO.: U.S. Route 60  
ENG. DIST: Phoenix  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
RECOMMENDATION: Disposal by Abandonment to the City of  
Surprise and Maricopa County Department of  
Transportation per Intergovernmental  
Agreement No. 99-160, dated July 25, 2000

### **STATE ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Sam Elters reported on construction and projects completed in March, 2006. There are 87 projects under construction totaling up to one billion dollars. In the month of March, they finalized seven projects for a total of nearly \$90 million and fiscal year-to-date 86 projects have been completed.

\* Right of Way Acquisition Report for March, 2006.

### **CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

#### **Interstate Non-Federal Aid**

BIDS OPENED: March 31  
HIGHWAY: NOGALES-TUCSON HIGHWAY (I-19)  
SECTION: I-19, Milepost 59.7 to Milepost 60.01  
COUNTY: Pima  
ROUTE NO.: I-19  
PROJECT: I-019-A-511 019 PM 059 H659501C  
FUNDING: 100% State  
LOW BIDDER: Granite Construction Company  
AMOUNT: \$ 1,008,317.18  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 808,431.00  
\$ OVER: \$ 199,886.18  
% OVER: 24.7%  
NO. BIDDERS: 2  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Householder and passed unanimously.

\* BIDS OPENED: March 10  
HIGHWAY: KINGMAN – ASH FORK HIGHWAY (I-40)  
SECTION: Partridge Creek  
COUNTY: Yavapai  
ROUTE NO.: I-40  
PROJECT: I-040-B-506 040 YV 142 H644701C  
FUNDING: 100% State  
LOW BIDDER: Royden Construction Co.  
AMOUNT: \$ 338,573.00  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 392,502.00  
\$ UNDER: \$ 53,929.00  
% UNDER: 13.7%  
NO. BIDDERS: 5  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Interstate Federal-Aid (“A” “B”) projects do not need FHWA concurrence, but must comply with DBE regulations; other projects are subject to FHWA and/or local government concurrence and compliance with DBE regulations)

\* BIDS OPENED: March 16  
HIGHWAY: ASHFORK – HOLBROOK HIGHWAY (I-40)  
SECTION: Riordan to East Flagstaff T.I.  
COUNTY: Coconino  
ROUTE NO.: I-40  
PROJECT: IM-040-D(019)A 040 CN 190 H636601C  
FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State  
LOW BIDDER: Fisher Sand & Gravel Co. dba  
Southwest Asphalt Paving  
AMOUNT: \$ 10,105,187.00  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 9,948,888.90  
\$ OVER: \$ 156,298.10  
% OVER: 1.6%  
NO. BIDDERS: 4  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Non-Interstate Federal-Aid (“A” “B”) projects do not need FHWA concurrence, but must comply with DBE regulations; other projects are subject to FHWA and/or local government concurrence and compliance with DBE regulations)

\* BIDS OPENED: March 10  
HIGHWAY: HOOVER DAM – KINGMAN HIGHWAY (US 93)  
SECTION: Midline to Cottonwood  
COUNTY: Mohave

ROUTE NO.: US 93  
 PROJECT: NH-093-A(003)A 093 MO 049 H635701C  
 FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State  
 LOW BIDDER: Fann Contracting, Inc.  
 AMOUNT: \$ 3,754,766.75  
 STATE AMOUNT: \$ 4,099,100.00  
 \$ UNDER: \$ 344,333.25  
 % UNDER: 8.4%  
 NO. BIDDERS: 5  
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

\* BIDS OPENED: March 10  
 HIGHWAY: SAFFORD-SPRINGERVILLE HIGHWAY (US 191)  
 SECTION: KP Cienega – Butter Cienega  
 COUNTY: Greenlee  
 ROUTE NO.: US 191  
 PROJECT: STP-051-2(046)A 191 GE 225 H390201C  
 FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State  
 LOW BIDDER: Fann Contracting, Inc.  
 AMOUNT: \$ 2,787,815.00  
 STATE AMOUNT: \$ 2,848,769.50  
 \$ UNDER: \$ 60,954.50  
 % UNDER: 2.1%  
 NO. BIDDERS: 5  
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

\* BIDS OPENED: March 10  
 HIGHWAY: STATEWIDE THRIE-BEAM GUARDRAIL  
 RETROFIT  
 SECTION: Various Locations in State  
 COUNTY: Statewide  
 ROUTE NO.: Various  
 PROJECT: HES-999-A(046)A 999 SW 000 H680301C  
 FUNDING: 94% Federal 6% State  
 LOW BIDDER: Arizona Highway Safety Specialists, Inc.  
 AMOUNT: \$ 194,413.00  
 STATE AMOUNT: \$ 184,320.00  
 \$ OVER: \$ 10,093.00  
 % OVER: 5.5%  
 NO. BIDDERS: 3  
 RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

Non-Interstate Non-Federal Aid

\* BIDS OPENED: March 16

HIGHWAY: BENSON BUSINESS ROUTE  
SECTION: Benson Business Loop, B10  
COUNTY: Cochise  
ROUTE NO.: B10  
PROJECT: S-B10-C-500 B10 CH 305 H655301C  
FUNDING: 100% State  
LOW BIDDER: Show Low Construction, Inc.  
AMOUNT: \$ 121,692.00  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 127,159.00  
\$ UNDER: \$ 5,467.00  
% UNDER: 4.3%  
NO. BIDDERS: 4  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

BIDS OPENED: March 31  
HIGHWAY: SAFFORD-SPRINGERVILLE HIGHWAY (US 191)  
SECTION: Ward Canyon Bridge #1698  
COUNTY: Greenlee  
ROUTE NO.: US 191  
PROJECT: 191-C-NFA 191 GE 162 H671301C  
FUNDING: 100% State  
LOW BIDDER: Show Low Construction, Inc.  
AMOUNT: \$ 307,434.25  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 161,850.00  
\$ OVER: \$ 145,584.25  
% OVER: 90.0%  
NO. BIDDERS: 1  
RECOMMENDATION: REJECT ALL  
BIDS

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation to reject all bids was made by Mr. Householder, seconded by Mr. Montoya and passed unanimously.

BIDS OPENED: March 16  
HIGHWAY: SAFFORD-SPRINGERVILLE HIGHWAY (US 191)  
SECTION: Coronado Trail  
COUNTY: Greenlee  
ROUTE NO.: US 191  
PROJECT: U-191-C-508 191 GE 181 H411911C  
FUNDING: 100% State  
LOW BIDDER: Southern Arizona Paving & Construction Co.  
AMOUNT: \$ 183,390.00  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 156,000.00  
\$ OVER: \$ 27,390.00  
% OVER: 17.6%  
NO. BIDDERS: 3

RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Householder, seconded by Mr. Lane and passed unanimously.

\* BIDS OPENED: March 31  
HIGHWAY: SANTAN FREEWAY (SR 202L)  
SECTION: Elliot Road – Power Road  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
ROUTE NO.: SR 202L  
PROJECT: RAM-202-C-520 202 MA 033 H591303C  
FUNDING: 100% State  
LOW BIDDER: Recon, Inc.  
AMOUNT: \$ 2,730,946.30  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 3,106,144.25  
\$ UNDER: \$ 375,197.95  
% UNDER: 12.1%  
NO. BIDDERS: 4  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD

\* BIDS OPENED: March 16  
HIGHWAY: SANTAN FREEWAY (SR 202L)  
SECTION: Gilbert Road to Frye Road  
COUNTY: Maricopa  
ROUTE NO.: SR 202L  
PROJECT: RAM-202-C-518 202L MA 041 H591203C  
FUNDING: 96% RARF 4% Town of Gilbert  
LOW BIDDER: FNF Construction, Inc.  
AMOUNT: \$ 4,095,326.63  
STATE AMOUNT: \$ 4,753,840.50  
\$ UNDER: \$ 658,513.87  
% UNDER: 13.9%  
NO. BIDDERS: 3  
RECOMMENDATION: AWARD


**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Board Action:** A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Mr. Lane and passed unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

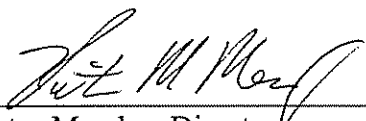
**Board Action:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Mr. Householder and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.



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James Martin, Chairman  
State Transportation Board



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Victor Mendez, Director  
Arizona Department of Transportation

\*Denotes items approved in the consent agenda.